

Worksheet

1. Determine who has ultimate authority and responsibility for what aspects of your TB prevention and control program and its budget.

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2. Determine the level of influence your partnership needs to have with your TB program and your agency to accomplish its purpose.

3. Clarify the extent to which partnership suggestions and input will be able to influence and shape your TB program. In other words, determine who within your agency has final say and clarify how open they are to outside input.

Assessing Your Agency's Commitment Worksheet (cont.)

4. Determine how your agency's formal and informal communication channels can be used to build and maintain support for your partnering efforts.

5. Identify the issues that are most important to your agency's key decision makers. Clarify how your TB partnership will address these issues.

6. Identify any fears and concerns your agency's key decision makers have about partnering. Identify ways to minimize these fears and concerns.

7. Anticipate the impact your agency's rules and regulations, such as prohibitions on working with the media or lobbying elected officials, are likely to have on the partnership. Clarify how you will respond should partners wish to proceed in these areas.